

Old Fire Department Building
Mt. Holly, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Owner: The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Andrews
Church

Date of Erection: 1752

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - beaded
siding

Interior walls - rough

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This small building eight feet wide and twelve feet long, stands now in Saint Andrews cemetery on Iron Works Hill on South Pine Street where it is used as a tool house. Formerly, it stood on Pine Street near the present home of the Relief Fire Company. It was the original house of the Britania Fire Company organized on July 11, 1752. On April 7, 1787 the name was changed to Mt. Holly Fire Company; the name was changed again on March 14, 1781 to Relief Fire Engine Company.

The Relief Fire Company claims to be the oldest volunteer fire company in the United States with continuous records of its activities. It has in its possession the original articles of agreement.

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